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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY-FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants filed a Fifth Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on August 10, 2006, but have not received acknowledgment of consideration thereof by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). (The IDS included a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and was timely filed.) Applicants' undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner in regard to the IDS, and the Examiner indicated that the IDS was not entered, and suggested that Applicants file another paper to ensure consideration of the documents cited in the IDS. Accordingly, the instant paper is being filed.

In the IDS as originally filed, the documents cited therein were listed on a list in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(1) rather than on a Form PTO-1449. At the Examiner's suggestion, the documents cited in the IDS are herein listed on a Form PTO-

1449 (the English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action is listed on a supplemental listing).

Copies of the cited documents were included in the IDS as originally filed and are contained in the IFW of the subject application, as verified via PAIR. Accordingly, copies of the cited documents are not included herewith.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the IDS and return initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 and supplemental listing submitted herewith indicating that the documents cited therein have been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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